



# YEAR 4

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE STUDYING THIS HALF TERM...



## Literacy

This half term, Year 4's literacy sessions will focus around the realistic fiction book 'Granny came here on the Empire Windrush' by Patrice Lawrence. We will be making inferences about the hardships of the characters and life in Britain post WWII.

Our main areas of writing will be:

- Non-chronological report
- Diary entries
- Letter writing.

During our reading lessons, we will continue reading and discussing the non-fiction book, 'Viking Voyagers' by Jake Tite.

## Numeracy

Our main areas of study for this half term will focus on the unit on fractions. Our objectives will be:-

- Understanding mixed fractions
- Adding and subtracting fractions
- Converting whole numbers to mixed fractions

Your child will continue developing their knowledge of the times tables. I would appreciate it if you could support their learning by practising their times tables at home. Our main focus this half term will be 6, 7 and 9 times table.

## Science

In Science we will continue to be focusing on the unit 'Living things and their habitats'. We will deepen our knowledge on how to group living things using classification keys and how different environments effect these groups. Children will be applying their skills to practical and interesting experiments to help develop their learning within Science.

## RE/PSHE

In R.E. we will be focusing on the question, 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?'  
In our PSHE lessons, we will be learning all about how to be mentally and physically healthy through our unit 'Healthy Me'.

## Music

In Music we will be working alongside a specialist music teacher who will be teaching us to develop our glockenspiel skills.

## Computing

In computing we will continue to learn about the various ways we can use the internet. We will also continue to learn about how to be safe online,

## Art/DT

We will continue to focus on our Art unit called 'Warp and Weft', and our DT unit 'Tomb Builders'. Children will be involved in practical activities wherever possible.

## History/Geography

This half term we will continue our History unit called 'Vikings in Yorkshire' where we will learn about the Viking invasion and the changes they made to our local area. In Geography, we will also continue learning about Rivers and locating them on a map. We will use photos, maps, sources and technology to research and develop our knowledge about the units.

## PE

Lessons will take place on a Friday afternoon. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T Shirt. Outdoor kits of plain black joggers and sweatshirt, as well as trainers are also required on this day, as wherever possible, PE lessons will take place outside.

## Home Reading

Children will be given their reading books to take home on a daily basis. They should be encouraged to read a few pages or a chapter every night. Please discuss with your child what they have read before signing their reading record. Books should be brought to school every day but must be returned on a Friday so we can change their books.

All children are entered into the class reading challenge where they need to read at least 5 times a week.

## Homework/Spellings

Homework will be set on Mondays. Children will have a week to return their completed homework.

**Please come and see Mrs Hunter at the end of the day if you have any questions or concerns, or contact the school office if it is urgent.**